

I believe the NAB petition 04-160 to stop satellite radio from providing instant traffic and weather and other local programming is simply a way to use government regulation to stop competition.

As a XM subscriber, age 67, I am able to listen to the advertising free programming that appeals to me rather than the AM or FM programming for twenty somethings.

I believe the modest amount of competition from satellite radio will be good for AM and FM stations and their listeners because the stations will be forced to improve the quality of their programming. The majority of radio listeners probably will not want to pay subscription and equipment costs for satellite radio so it never will be a big threat to AM and FM radio.

I urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160